

CORRESPONDENCE.

Gobleville.

Miss Katie Harris of Paw Paw, spent last Sunday with Miss Nellie Bush of this place.

Chas. Kasbank has gone to Canada to visit friends, after a residence of three years in the states.

Will Van Dyke returned from Dakota last Saturday. He has been farming there during the past season.

Edward Sully has returned to this place to labor during the winter. He made a short visit with friends before settling down to business.

The "Confederate Spy" will soon be presented by the G. A. R. of this place, under the direction of W. E. Siedman, the author of the play.

Allie Niles has gone to Kansas, where he will visit Jno. Gault, Elmer Hyams and others. He goes on a prospecting tour and to kill time.

Holiday gifts of every description are being displayed by our busy merchants. There is nothing in the shape of a Christmas present that cannot be found here.

The band boys always succeed in any undertaking. Their last play proved a grand success, and they intend that the coming one, "Under the Gae Light," shall be no exception.

Elmer Connery has returned from an extended trip in Canada, Ohio and Indiana, in the interests of the Eureka Wind Mill Company. He is one of the best of salesmen in that line of business.

Rev. E. D. Lewis attended the State S. S. convention held at Jackson, as a delegate. He reports 500 delegates and eighty ministers present. The United States convention will be held in Chicago next June.

The Free Will Baptist quarterly meeting will be held at the Waverly church, commencing on Friday, Dec. 17th. The services are taken up for next Sabbath, that all may attend at the ordination of Anna Barton.

It is rumored that our furniture factory will be removed to Shelby, where timber can be had cheaper. We hope it will remain where it is, providing that it may be run in a manner that will benefit the town. "Pay as you go" is the maxim to follow, though it is practiced by but few.

The Sunday school and people here have decided to have an old fashioned Christmas tree on Christmas eve. It seems that we haven't a very ingenious community; they can't construct a camel, an elephant or some other new scheme, but resort to the old way of past generations. Well, we can't say anything against having a tree; that is always good.

The brilliant Light that has shone in so many homes in Gobleville and vicinity for the past two years, has become extinct. Pete Glimmer says it takes brains and money to keep the Light shining. Experience is a good but a dear teacher, and sometimes takes both brain and purse. This place ought to support a good paper, but the man who starts a paper here should have stuff enough back of him to sustain the sheet until its worth is thoroughly known to the public. Then—perhaps—he might get a cord of wood occasionally as remuneration for his labors.

Keeler.

Mr. Wm. Warren was called to attend the funeral of a brother at Iowa, last week.

The school in the Warren district is progressing under the management of John Toumey of Lawrence, who recently returned from Nebraska.

Mr. Chas. Dancombe has had a new monument erected on his lot in our neat little cemetery. It is twenty feet in height and is probably one of the finest in the county.

The first meeting of the "Western Van Buren Teachers' Association" will be held at the high school room in this village, on Saturday, the 18th, at ten o'clock a. m. A good programme has been prepared and a profitable time is anticipated.

Isaac J. Cox died on the evening of the 10th inst., from paralysis. Mr. Cox was a Quaker by birth, having been born in Talbot County, Md., in 1817. He came to Michigan in 1845 and has since resided, most of the time, in this township. In politics he was a republican, in religion a methodist. He was a good citizen and will be missed in this community, where he has so long resided. His funeral took place at the M. E. Church, on Sunday afternoon and, considering the inclemency of the weather, was largely attended.

Lawton.

Geo. Prentice has a barn full of horses which he is doctoring.

The Alba Heywood combination showed here two nights last week to good houses.

A donation was given last Tuesday evening, at the church, for the benefit of Rev. U. Mason.

Harvey Harper is helping collect honey at the bee hive store; in other words, he is clerking.

Mrs. Scott, mother of Mrs. Lewis Dine, has purchased the house and lot adjoining that of her daughter.

Mrs. N. H. Bitley left for the North last Saturday, in response to a telegram announcing the illness of her son Fred.

Even if our city dads are not very prompt in attending meetings, they bustle around when a show strikes town; so the boys say.

Herman Miller went to Buffalo last week with a carload of stock for L. Stern & Co. He will remain about a week, taking in the sights.

Arthur Clark of Gobleville, called upon us last week. He says he has had an excellent trade this season and is doing well. Glad to hear it, Artie.

Say, Tom, you'll have to stand up and tell what you did with those hickory nuts you received the other day. No use trying to keep it quiet any longer.

The Powell mill was obliged to close during a portion of last week, owing to the freezing and bursting of the pump. They are still drying apples and making cider.

In a lawsuit on the docket on Monday of this week, before one of our justices, one boy, we understand, charged another with dumping him, head foremost, into the vault at the school house.

The backs of the seats at the M. E. Church will be made a trifle higher and a little more comfortable. This will be convenient for those who wish to sleep when the elder strikes into a long sermon.

John Mitchell and family left on Thursday last, for the state of New York, where they will visit relatives for a month or so. John don't care to tackle those western blizzards this winter and so goes east.

The following officers of Lawton Lodge, No. 16, F. & A. M., were elected on the 11th inst.: John W. Mitchell, W. M.; W. H. Halsted, S. W.; G. O. Bunnell, J. W.; Elijah Warner, T.; John Elyen, Sec'y; J. D. Tilton, S. D.; M. C. Smith, J. D.; Charles Geiser, Tyler.

David Ward had his buggy smashed to atoms last week, by running into a tree in front of Oliver Waters'. They say, up that way, that it don't pay to run horses. Dave claims that his running was involuntary, that his team was unmanageable and he could not control them.

Married, in this village, on the evening of Dec. 8th, by Rev. W. C. McCarthy, at the residence of the bride's mother, Miss Estella Biddell to Mr. Chas. Lytle of Porter. The contracting parties are well known here, and their many friends join in wishing them much joy and a prosperous and happy life.

We hear that Wm. Ellis, one of the parties who broke into the hardware store recently, and was sent to Jackson for a term of seven years, admitted to the sheriff, while on his way to prison, that he was engaged in the burglary. It will be remembered that this is the fellow who claimed he had never been in the state of Michigan before.

Last Tuesday afternoon a couple of sharks dropped into town and took out a license for selling cough drops. It was the same old story, only it was cough drops instead of soap this time. They did up their little packages, put in a twenty dollar bill and commenced looking for suckers. An old, gray-haired man, who was awfully anxious to get fifteen dollars for nothing, dropped in a V, got his cough drops, and came very near putting in the balance of his bundle. Some one advised him to open up what he had before he invested any more; he did so and one by one the little cough drops found their way to his mouth, but the twenty dollar bill never turned up. Pretty dear cough drops, but the experience may be worth the money. The same parties tried to work the "change racket" on some of our business men, but failed.

Lawrence.

A number of cases of typhoid fever in town, but all, as far as we have heard, very light. There are also three cases of measles.

J. H. Kelly, Frank Branch and Martin Blowers took a little ride to Kalamazoo and back one day last week. They brought three new road carts home with them.

A number of the members of the post from town, assisted at a "hushing bee" at Maje Rhodes' last Saturday. Maje has been confined to the house with rheumatism for some time, and a little assistance with his work was timely.

Young Harry, the eight years old son of Ambrose Fairbanks—a legitimate descendant, one might think, of the old chap of that name—varied the usual programme, on Thursday last, by taking a sled ride from the roof of a low barn, and now has but one whole leg. He wanted to go tobogganing, probably.

Mr. Luther S. Keene, living a couple of miles east of this village, went to his barn last Sunday morning, to attend to the chores, as usual. Not returning, search was made, and he was found lying by the straw stack, dead. Heart disease is supposed to have been the cause of his death. Mr. Keene was one of the old residents of this township and a man who was greatly honored and respected.

HARNESS DISTRICT.

Many farmers are selling off their stock at public sales.

After nine years of wedded life, Mr. and Mrs. David Cross are the happy parents of a baby-boy, born on the 12th inst.

A proposition to suspend the meetings of the Farmers' Club until the close of the winter's term of school will be voted on at next meeting of the club.

The lyceum is in full blast and is attended by full houses. The youngsters are assisting. The next question for discussion is, "Resolved, that Educational Qualification should be Required of Voters." Harmon Rice, affirmative; Herbert Nichols, negative.

The people of Lawrence are anticipating the approaching institute, and expecting it to be an interesting and profitable meeting. It will begin at two o'clock p. m., on the 29th inst., and will hold five sessions. Grange Hall will be open for the accommodation of those bringing baskets. The sessions will be in the opera house. The people of the village will do their part toward making the institute a success.

As usual, there was a good attendance at the Lawrence Grange at its last session. The time for the next regular meeting coming on Christmas, it was voted to postpone it until the afternoon of the 31st inst. The following questions were discussed, "When is the Proper Time to Sell Beans?" "Do Farmers' Wives Work Harder than the Wives of Men in Town?" There was a spirited debate on the latter question.

Decatur.

E. J. Lane of Lawrence, was in town last Saturday.

Will Mosier has been a little off his feed during the past week.

Wells Mosier of Paw Paw, was visiting in town one day last week.

Mr. A. Stewart has been the guest of his brother William for a few days.

Chas. Northrup and wife of Lawrence, spent Saturday with friends in this village.

Mr. S. D. Ormsby had a racket with his wife last Saturday, for which he was arrested.

John Jackson has removed to St. Joseph. Hiram Benedict has purchased Mr. Jackson's shop.

Miss Alice Ackley's scholars gave her a surprise last Thursday evening, that being her birthday.

A number of comrades and their wives gave Comrade Carney a surprise on Thursday evening last. A very pleasant time was reported.

The Ladies' Society of the Universalist Church, will hold a fair at the town hall on Thursday evening, the 16th inst. Supper will be served in the evening. The Sunday school children will give a concert on Friday evening the 17th, proceeds to be used in the purchase of new books for the library.

North Hamilton.

Many farmers are improving this fine (?) weather husking corn and hauling potatoes to market.

News from Nebraska says that Willie Wakefield, formerly of this neighborhood, is papa; it is a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Inman of Pipestone, visited their daughter, Mrs. Freeman Hoadley, during the past week.

Arthur Jacobs of Ceresco, made his sister, Mrs. Roll Harris, a very agreeable, but short visit on Tuesday last.

B. F. Harris, from nine acres of ground, has 171 bushels of beans, for which he received \$1.20 per bushel.

Roy Abbott was thrown from a mustang pony last Tuesday, and is confined to his bed in consequence of the accident. Dr. Will Rowe was called on Wednesday, who found him very badly bruised about the hip and spine, but no bones broken.

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